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Camp near
Harrison Bar
James River Va.
July 11th 1862.

His Excellency
Gov. Washburn

Sir:

More than
a year ago I was elected
the Lieutenant Colonel
of the 4th. Regt. Maine Vols.
If I could have accepted
the position I suppose
I would have been
commissioned.

Now, I am very
desirous to command a
Regiment of Maine troops.
And it is with many

misgivings that I offer
myself as a candidate
for so high and
important a position.

I am Sir
Most Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt
A. Ames.
1st Lieut. 5th Arty